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1. THIS MESSAGE IS IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE (REFTEL)
CONCERNING PRESIDENT FORD'S DIRECTIVE FOR REVIEW OF MISSION'S
SUPPORT OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.
2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, OUR NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN JORDAN IS
FOCUSED ENTIRELY ON SUPPORTING THE JORDANIAN NARCOTICS BUREAU
(NB). SINCE JORDAN DOES NOT HAVE A NARCOTICS ADDICTION PROBLEM
NOR DOES JORDAN PRODUCE NARCOTICS, OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO EXPLOIT
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THE INTELLIGENCE POTENTIAL OF THE JORDANIAN NB IN COLLECTING
INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING TO AND FROM NEIGHBORING

COUNTRIES, PRIMARILLY SYRIA. SYRIA IS A VITALLY IMPORTANT TARGET SINCE IN A SENSE IT IS A DENIED AREA AS FAR AS INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION ON NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IS CONCERNED. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO USE THE JORDAN NB TO EMPHASIZE TO OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES THE INTEREST OF THE USG IN SUPPRESSING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS BY CONDUCTING DEA RUN COURSES IN JORDAN FOR ARAB LEAGUE NARCOTICS OFFICERS. OUR MOST RECENT COURSE WHICH WAS COMPLETED ON NOVEMBER 7 CONSISTED OF 40 STUDENTS FROM ABU DHABI, OMAN, UAE, LIBYA, SYRIA, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, AND OF COURSE JORDAN. WE HOPE THAT THIS MOST RECENT COURSE ALSO PROVIDED AN ENTREE TO DEA TO THE NARCOTICS DEPARTMENTS OF LIBYA AND SYRIA WHICH NEVER BEFORE HAVE HAD ANY RELATIONS WITH THE USG.

2. WE ARE NOW EXPLORING WITH THE JORDANIAN NB THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPLOITING THEIR ASSETS FOR INFORMATION ON TRAFFICKING FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO GERMANY WHERE NARCOTICS ARE SOLD TO MEMBERS OF THE US ARMED FORCES. THE JORDANIANS HAVE PROMISED TO EXAMINE THIS PROBLEM AND SEE JUST HOW THEY CAN HELP US.

3. LIAISON WITH THE JORDANIAN NB IS CARRIED ON LOCALLY BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER, BUT DEA REPRESENTATIVES FROM BEIRUT ARE NOW IN A POSITION TO VISIT AMMAN ON A MONTHLY BASIS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH THE JORDANIANS. DEA BEIRUT IS ALSO IN TOUCH WITH SOME JORDANIAN AGENTS WHEN THEY VISIT BEIRUT.

4. USG SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM HERE TO DATE HAS BEEN MODEST. ORIGINALLY WE TRAINED SIX OFFICERS IN THE JORDANIAN NB AND AT THE PRESENT TIME WE HAVE FOUR OFFICERS ATTENDING A DEA ADVANCE COURSE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE JORDANIAN NB ENVISIONS THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING ONE OFFICER PER YEAR TO A DEA COURSE IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION TO TRAINING WE HAVE PROGRAMMED AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY THE USG WILL FURNISH THE JORDANIAN NB WITH CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AT TOTAL VALUE OF \$135,036. WE FEEL
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THIS IS INDEED A MODEST CONTRIBUTION IN RETURN FOR THE SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE WE HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE FROM THE JORDANIAN NB AND IN VIEW OF THE GREAT POTENTIAL WE SEE FOR EXPANDING OUR COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE.

5. THE JORDANIAN NB IS BECOMING A CATALYST WITHIN THE ARAB LEAGUE TO PROMOTE GREATER INTEREST AND DEDICATION ON THE PART OF OTHER NARCOTIC SERVICES TO STEM NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. IN SO DOING THE JORDANIAN NB IS REFLECTING THE HIGHEST

LEVEL USG INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM AND HOPEFULLY WILL LEAD TO INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USG AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

6. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOTH DEA AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR INTEREST IN OUR PROGRAM AND THE SUPPORT GIVEN US TO DATE. WE REALIZE THAT JORDAN PER SE IS NOT AT THE TOP OF PRIORITY COUNTRIES IN THE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM, BUT WE BELIEVE THROUGH COOPERATION WITH JORDAN WE CAN EFFECTIVELY COLLECT INTELLIGENCE ON NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN AREAS WHICH ARE NOW DENIED TO US.

7. ANOTHER SIGNAL ACHIEVEMENT IS THE SEIZURE PROGRAM, GOJ MADE VERY LARGE SEIZURES IN 1973 AND, AS A RESULT, DRUGS IN JORDAN ARE NOW AT A PREMIUM. FOR INSTANCE, PRICE OF HASHISH AND OPIUM HAS TRIPLED IN PAST THREE MONTHS WHICH IS INDICATIVE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE JORDANIAN PROGRAM.

8. IN CONCLUSION, WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT KEY TO SUCCESS OF JORDANIAN PROGRAM HAS BEEN OUR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE ACTIVE AND PERSONAL SUPPORT OF TOP LEADERSHIP OF GOJ, PARTICULARLY OF CROWN PRINCE HASSAN. SUCH SYMPATHATIC REACTION BY GOJ TO THIS TOP USG PRIORITY HAS INSURED RAPID TAKE-OFF OF NARCOTICS PROGRAM. FOLLOWING THIS PROMISING START, WE ARE CONTINUING ACTIVE PROGRAM OF COORDINATION, TRAINING AND FOLLOW-THROUGH FROM A HIGH LEVEL IN EMBASSY WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL FORCES IN JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT.

9. FOR EMBASSY NEW DELHI - WE HOPE FOREGOING WILL ALSO BE
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USEFUL IN CONNECTION WITH NOVEMBER 19-20 NARCOTICS CONTROL CONFERENCE AS STATUS REPORT ON EMBASSY NARCOTICS PROGRAM.
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